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CIVIC CHAMBER IS TO NAME OFFICERS

ANNUAL MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE TUESDAY NIGHT.

THE REFERENDUM PLAN WILL RULE

Candidates to Be Nominated By Ballots Sent Out to the Members.

The fiscal year of the Chamber of Commerce of Columbus and Lowndes County begins October 1, and the members will meet at the headquarters of the organization in the First State Bank building next Tuesday night at 8 o'clock, when officers for the ensuing biennial period will be elected. In holding this election the referendum plan will be adhered to, letters having been sent out to all members requesting them to nominate a candidate for each office that is to be filled. There are ten officers to be elected; a president, a vice-president and ten directors, and in each instance the three candidates receiving the largest number of nominating ballots will be voted on, those receiving the largest number of ballots at the meeting Tuesday night being declared officially elected.

The members will not elect a secretary-manager, as the constitution and by-laws of the organization clothe the directors with the right to name this official. Ever since Mr. J. G. Weatherly tendered his resignation as secretary several weeks ago Miss Ella May Jordan has been acting as secretary, and has filled the position most acceptably, having been in the employ of the civic chamber for a long time and is thoroughly familiar with the routine work. It is necessary, however, that the office of secretary be filled by a man, and one of the first steps to be taken by the directors which are to be named Tuesday night will be the election of a permanent secretary.

In the letters sent out by the civic chamber the following paragraph giving advice to members regarding the nomination of candidates appears:

"Carefully consider all available material in Columbus, and then fill out below with the names of the men who are your choice to hold the respective positions in the Chamber of Commerce. Remember that the Chamber has a serious work ahead of it. Also remember that a 'genial fellow' or a 'good mixer' will not necessarily make an efficient president or a competent department head. The Chamber of Commerce should select men to responsible positions because of their fitness and aptitude."

JEWISH CITIZENS TO OBSERVE ROSH HASHANA NEXT THURSDAY

ISRAELITIC NEW YEAR WILL BE OCCASION FOR SPECIAL SERVICES HERE.

Rosh Hashana, ushering in the Jewish new year 5677, occurs next Thursday, and will be appropriately observed by local Israelites. The holiday really begins at sundown the previous day, and at 7:45 o'clock Wednesday evening there will be services at Temple B'Nai Israel, conducted by Rabbi Simon Loeb. There will also be services at 10 o'clock Thursday morning, and the people of Columbus, irrespective of creed, are cordially invited to attend these services.

The stores of all Jewish merchants will close at 6 o'clock promptly Wednesday evening, and will remain closed throughout Thursday. Yom Yippur, the day of atonement, follows ten days after Rosh Hashana, and this holiday will also be appropriately observed by local Israelites.

Mr. Wm. Simpson, who manages the extensive Richardson-Simpson Stock Farm in the prairie section west of Columbus, has purchased from Mr. C.F. Sherrod 104 Aberdeen Angus and Hereford cows, which he will add to his already extensive herd. Mr. Sherrod states that he now has more than one hundred Jersey cows which he is developing for dairy purposes.

CONTINUED INCREASE IN HIGH COST OF LIVING

Prices on Food, Clothing and Other Commodities Are Advancing.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 23.—Prices of foods, clothes, luxuries and materials have advanced alarmingly within the last year, according to a table of comparative prices compiled here recently. Merchants and producers say that prices for food will be even higher this winter.

Every person feels the increased price in practically every purchase, it was said.

Food prices vary, according to quality and quantity. For the small purchaser at retail they are higher. Wholesalers said that canning houses all over the country have announced that their deliveries will be only one-third of the normal amount. The vegetable crop, it was declared, was only half what was expected.

Canned fruits will be 30 per cent higher and canned vegetables will be advanced from 15 to 20 per cent, according to wholesalers. Paper bags which a year ago could be purchased in wholesale lots for 95 cents, now cost \$1.55. The advance is typical of all paper and paper products.

Cigar jobbers raised their prices this week. Five cent cigars which the dealers had been getting for \$31 and \$32 a thousand have been advanced to \$35. Better grades of cigars also have been advanced.

Cotton goods have advanced between 25 and 35 per cent. Woollens also have kept pace with cottons. In the best lines of women's shoes the prices have almost been doubled, dealers said.

Mr. Joe Wood, who for some time past has been in the navy at Norfolk, Va., is here on a short visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. H. Wood.

COTTON MARKET STEADIES UP: FLUCTUATIONS SLIGHT

AFTER SPIRITED TRADING FRIDAY, YESTERDAY'S SESSION WAS QUIET.

The cotton market, after having witnessed spirited trading Friday, steadied up yesterday, and the session was a quiet and inactive one. When the market closed New York spots were quoted at 15.95, December futures in New York at 16.03, New Orleans spots at 15.50 and December futures in New Orleans at 15.70. In the local market good middling was quoted at 15 cents.

The federal crop reporting board on Thursday issued the following report on the condition of the crop: "Cool weather in North Carolina and parts of South Carolina has caused some damage to cotton, but picking and ginning are proceeding under favorable conditions in most of the Southern States, according to the weekly crop bulletin issued by the weather bureau today. The bulletin adds that most of the tobacco crop in Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee has been housed and is being cured.

"The weather was too cool for cotton in North and South Carolina," says the report, "and progress in the first named state was unsatisfactory, there being complaints of boll rot and other deterioration, although some picking was in progress. The weather favored picking and ginning almost everywhere and the work is proceeding rapidly in northern and central South Carolina, southern Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas and Arizona."

Mr. Gaston Elected.

In the election of Mr. Ira L. Gaston to succeed the late Mr. S. D. Harris as cashier of the First State Bank, the directors of that institution have displayed their usual wisdom and good judgment. Mr. Gaston not only possesses a thorough knowledge of the banking business, but is exceedingly urbane and courteous, and his selection as Mr. Harris' successor gives general satisfaction. Mr. J. W. Slaughter, the efficient bookkeeper, has been named to succeed Mr. Gaston as assistant cashier.

Mr. W. C. Armour, of Baldwin, is spending several days in Columbus with his sister, Mrs. Waights Otley.

Mr. J. Seay, a well known citizen of Melbourne, Ala., was among the visitors to Columbus yesterday.

WILLIAMS FAVORS EIGHT-HOUR DAY

GIVES HIS REASONS FOR SUPPORTING THE ADAMSON BILL

FRANKLY STATES HIS POSITION

Will Pay His Share If Freight Rate Increase Becomes Necessary.

Washington, Sept. 23.—During the recent debate in the senate on President Wilson's appeal to the congress to enact an eight-hour basic work day for the trainmen, as a temporary expedient to avert the then threatened tie-up of virtually every interstate railroad line in the country, Senator John Sharp Williams gave to the public his reasons for supporting the president's recommendation. The reasons thus presented were obtained in a telegram which the senior senator from Mississippi had written in answer to a constituent at Jackson, who had urged him to vote for the then pending eight-hour bill. Immediately thereafter Senator Williams began to receive letters and telegrams, mostly from Mississippians and Tennesseans, in which the senders either endorsed outright or took issue with the position he had defended. One of these correspondents, a leading Democrat of Hardeman county, Tenn., challenged some of Senator Williams' reasons for his attitude on the eight-hour law, and this is the senator's reply in full:

"I have just read your letter of the 3rd. There is, to my comprehension, only one good point made by you—that is, that the farmers frequently work 12 and 14, sometimes 16 hours a day, but it must be remembered that there are many, many days during the year upon which farmers do not work at all. That is the difference between our trades, if you will permit me to say so, I suppose you are a farmer from the way you write—I am. We do our work in the open air, and when the weather does not suit, we don't work that day—except, of course, when (Continued on page six.)

NATCHEZ YOUTH LOSES HIS LIFE WHEN BUILDING BURNS

LUCAS PETKOVESK DEAD AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY INJURED.

Natchez, Miss., Sept. 23.—Louis Petkovesk, aged 14, was burned to death in the fire which at an early hour Friday morning consumed the large frame building on Briel avenue, occupied by his father, Lucas Petkovesk, as a woodworking shop and residence. The family occupied the upper story of the building and when they awoke from the crackling of the flames it was to find themselves trapped. The father succeeded in getting on the roof of a gallery and leaped from there to the ground. He secured a ladder and succeeded in rescuing all the members of the family except his son. Just as the boy appeared at the window was enveloped in flames. The fire had gained such headway that it could not be extinguished and the body was not found until several hours later. Mr. Petkovesk suffered injuries from his leap to the ground and his wife and one of his sons were painfully burned. A quantity of tools and machinery were lost, in addition to the other contents of the building. The total loss is estimated at \$20,000, with very little insurance. Buildings of the Metcalf Coal Company and others in the vicinity were damaged. A strong wind was blowing at the time of the fire, which showered sparks in every direction, and for a time it seemed that there would be a general conflagration.

Sam Davidson, driver of a truck of fire company No. 2, sustained a broken leg. After the fire, when he attempted to hitch one of the horses to the truck, the animal kicked him upon the knee.

Mr. J. O. Young, of Birmingham, a member of the Alabama National Guard stationed at Montgomery, is spending the week-end here with his brother, Mr. R. M. Young.

HAY GROWERS FORM FINE ORGANIZATION

MEETING HELD FOR THAT PURPOSE AT MERIDIAN LARGELY ATTENDED.

ADDRESSES MADE BY AGRONOMISTS

W. C. Banks of This City Is Named as One of Association's Directors.

At a meeting held in Meridian last Wednesday the Southern Hay Growers' Association was organized, with a capital stock of \$10,000, which upon passage of proper resolutions by the board of directors can be increased at any time to \$50,000. Shares were placed at \$10 each and one thousand of these shares will be immediately issued.

A board of twelve directors was elected and this board, which contains the names of some of the most prominent hay growers in Alabama and Mississippi, is made up of the following gentlemen: C. C. Clay, of Demopolis, Ala.; L. L. Gilbert, Montgomery, Ala.; Inge Sheldon, Greensboro, Ala.; G. A. Stollenwerk, Uniontown, Ala.; W. L. Reynolds, Allensville, Ala.; J. L. Thornton, Bollinger, Ala.; W. E. Stokes, Macon, Miss.; W. P. Donaldson, Strongsville, Miss.; F. L. Hogan, Stonesville, Miss.; W. D. Robin, Tupelo, Miss., and B. H. Strong, West Point, Miss.

These directors will meet at an early date in Birmingham and besides taking the necessary steps to secure a charter will elect a president, vice-president and secretary, the secretary serving as manager and market agent of the organization.

The purpose of the organization is to protect interests of hay growers throughout the south, especially in Alabama and Mississippi, and permanent headquarters will probably be established in Birmingham.

Several prominent agronomists from southern agricultural institutions were present and delivered addresses, among the number having been Prof. J. F. Dugger, of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute at Auburn, and Prof. T. M. Patterson, of the A. & M. College at Starkville. Officials of the farm development departments of several railroads also attended the meeting, among those present having been Roland Turner, farm products agent of the Southern; R. A. Long, agricultural agent for the Q. & C., and E. L. Robinson, market agent of the Mobile & Ohio. Prof. Dugger served as temporary chairman, and Prof. Patterson as temporary secretary.

HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST GATHERED HERE AND THERE

GIST OF NEWS FROM OVER THE COUNTRY GIVEN IN A BRIEF FORM.

Nearly a million people have been made homeless in China by one of the greatest floods in 50 years. Reports to the state department telling of the disaster said an appeal for foreign aid would be made.

The United States naval aeroplane boat is making tests of the Curtiss N-9 school flying boat at the Atlantic coast aeronautical station at Newport News, Va., this being the acceptance test, the Curtiss Company having received a contract for 30 of these machines from the United States navy department.

It is estimated \$4,500,000 will be spent for motor cars in the old Indian territory part of Oklahoma this year. This represents half the sum that will be paid to the members of the Choctaw and Chickasaw tribes of Indians by the federal government. The checks are already beginning to arrive and the motor car dealers are stocking up, expecting the biggest run on cars they ever experienced. The \$9,000,000 which is being paid to the members of the Choctaw and Chickasaw tribes represents a windfall they hardly expected to get. It represents an accumulation of interest which has been piling up in the United States treasury for the last ten years. Through the efforts of the Oklahoma members of the senate and lower house, this money will be paid to the members of the two tribes at the rate of \$300 for each Choctaw and \$200 for each Chickasaw.

NAME COMMITTEES FOR VETS' MEETING

ORGANIZATIONS PROVIDE FOR ENTERTAINMENT OF OLD VETERANS.

BARBECUE AND PARADE FEATURES

Gov. Harrison Presides Over a Joint Meeting of Patriotic Bodies.

For the purpose of perfecting plans for the entertainment of old soldiers who will come to Columbus to attend the annual reunion of the Mississippi Division, United Confederate Veterans, which is to be held here during the first week in November, a joint meeting of the Stephen D. Lee Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, the Isham Harrison Camp, United Confederate Veterans, and the Columbus Camp, Sons of Confederate Veterans, was held at the city hall Thursday night. The meeting was presided over by former Lieut.-Gov. James T. Harrison, while Col. C. L. Lincoln served as secretary. There were also present Mrs. E. T. Sykes, president of the local Confederate Daughters, and Maj. B. A. Lincoln, commander of the Sons of Veterans, both Mrs. Sykes and Major Lincoln having occupied seats on the platform.

Governor Harrison presided in his usual graceful manner, and after a timely speech in which he succinctly explained the object of the meeting, introduced Gen. E. T. Sykes, who stated fully and completely what the people of Columbus, and especially the local patriotic organizations, would be expected to do towards the entertainment of the veterans during their stay here. General Sykes, after concluding his speech, presented a list of committees to look after the different features of the reunion, and the chairman, after having been authorized so to do by the meeting, officially appointed the committees as recommended.

One of the big features of the coming reunion will be a parade by the veterans in which students of the (Continued on page six.)

FIRE DESTROYS 200 BALES OF COTTON AT GLENDORA

SEVERAL TONS OF SEED ALSO GO UP IN SMOKE WHEN GIN BURNS.

Greenwood, Miss., Sept. 23.—A \$30,000 cotton fire occurred Thursday night at 10:30 o'clock at Glendora, when the seed houses and platform, with several tons of seed and nearly 200 bales of cotton at the big gin of Townes & Sturdivant, were destroyed. Origin of the fire is not known. The cotton and seed were insured with the Delta Insurance and Realty Agency, for \$20,000.

It is understood that Mr. Townes on Wednesday sold 185 bales of cotton to Edward Holland of Greenwood, which was on the platform ready for delivery. The insurance policy was held by the buyers and covered the loss. It could not be definitely ascertained whether there were more than the 185 bales sold by Mr. Townes on the platform or not.

The seed houses and platform were completely destroyed. The big gin adjoining was saved from the flames by the hardest efforts. Every effort was made to extinguish the flames when first discovered, but to no avail, the fire spreading rapidly over the entire lot of cotton, making it almost impossible to remove any of it from the platform. Some few bales were saved, most of which were damaged by the flames.

Shelby Steele of the Delta Insurance and Realty Agency, Inc., left early this morning for Glendora to help in adjusting the insurance.

Dependable shoes for less, at Kaufman's.

Miss Marion Leith Dodds, aged 25 years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Dodds of Hazlehurst, committed suicide at the home of her parents on Thursday. Ill health was the direct cause of the young lady taking her life. She was the oldest of five children.

STARTLING FIGURES SHOW BIG DEATH TOLL

England Has Lost Thousands of Officers and Men in the Great War.

Copenhagen, Sept. 23.—The "Society for the Study of Social Consequences of War," which was organized here some time ago, publishes a detailed estimate of the losses of the belligerents. The calculations are based on the official reports as far as they are obtainable, and the society expressly states that the figures in the reports are "very conservative."

England, according to the official reports of the British war department, from August 1, 1914, to July 31, 1916, lost 34,500 officers, of whom 11,555 were killed, 19,343 wounded and 3,462 captured or missing. From this the society calculates a minimum British loss of 808,463 officers and men, divided as follows: Dead 188,464, wounded 512,465, captured or missing 107,534.

The British navy up to July 31, lost 18,777 men, the number of the dead being 16,983.

Germany has about 33,000 English prisoners, Turkey 17,827, and Bulgaria 449.

France does not publish any reports of her losses, but from information received by the Red Cross and other reliable sources the society estimates that 870,000 French soldiers have been killed, 624,000 totally disabled and 2,080, less seriously wounded, while about 400,000 have been captured or are missing, a total of 3,974,000.

The losses of Germany, which (Continued on page six.)

Dr. J. S. Hill leaves today for John Hopkins in Baltimore, and expects to be absent from the city about a month.

DON'T LIKE MUSIC BY NEGRO PIANIST; BREAK UP DANCE

TOM ATKINS AND SON RAISE A "ROUGH HOUSE" IN EAST COLUMBUS.

As the result of their action in breaking up a dance which was in progress at a private residence in East Columbus Friday night, Tom Atkins and his son, Roy Atkins, both of whom are machinists, were before Mayor Gunter yesterday, and the elder man was fined \$25 for disturbing the peace, while his son was fined \$20 on an assault charge and for participating in the disturbance.

According to testimony deduced at the trial, Atkins, who resides near the scene of the dance, became incensed because a negro pianist was employed to furnish the music, and he and his son invaded the home for the purpose of breaking up the entertainment. A general mixup followed, in which the younger Atkins struck one of the guests a smart blow in the face, and it was necessary to call in the police to quell the disturbance.

It is said that a woman accompanied Atkins and his son on their visit to the house, and that she gave one of the lady dancers a smart slap on the cheek. This lady, however, declined to make a charge against the alleged offender, and she was not haled into court. At the trial the defendants were represented by Attorneys Callaway & Storey. Hon. James Harrison appeared for the prosecution.

"Feed America First."

New York, Sept. 23.—With the slogan, "Feed America First," 25,000 purveyors of bread throughout Greater New York Friday began circulating a monster petition to be sent to the federal trade commission demanding an immediate embargo on wheat and flour in an effort to reduce the price of bread.

After this petition has been completed another will be drawn petitioning the next session of congress to declare an embargo on all food stuffs to Europe.

Thousands of these petitions were placed in bakeries, groceries and other places in the city handling bread. Others will be distributed among the hotels, restaurants, and other public places.

Purchase Selig Building.

Messrs. Jake Kaufman and Irvin Kaufman during the past week purchased the Selig building on South Market street now occupied by Lipsey and Chapsky. Kaufman Brothers will continue in business at their present location on Market street.

SOON TO DECIDE ON OFFICIAL ROUTE

JACKSON HIGHWAY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO MEET IN OCTOBER.

LOCAL COURSE IS IN A FINE SHAPE

T. J. Locke, Jr., Local Member of Committee, Will Attend Meeting.

The executive committee of the Jackson Memorial Highway Association is to meet in Nashville in October for the purpose of designating the official route of the great thoroughfare, and as the time for the committee to assemble approaches local interest in the matter is constantly increasing.

The contest will be between two tentative routes, one from Nashville to New Orleans via Huntsville, Montgomery and Birmingham, and the other via Florence, Columbus and Meridian. This route, which is generally known as the Jackson Military Highway, is the one that people in this section are working for and the one which they earnestly desire to see selected.

At a meeting in Nashville last fall the executive committee decided that the route which had most nearly reached completion by October 1, 1916, would be officially designated as the official course of the highway, and it is believed that the route on which Columbus is located is much nearer completion than the competing course. The route through this county is in splendid shape, and, so far as can be learned, the only stretch of roadway on the route that is incomplete lies in Lamar county, Ala. There was some dispute about the route through Lamar county, but this dispute was settled at a meeting held in Vernon several weeks ago, and the route finally selected is now in progress.

Hon. T. J. Locke, Jr., the local member of the executive committee of the Jackson Memorial Highway Association, is now in New York, but will reach Nashville in time to attend the committee meeting. A party made up of Mr. and Mrs. Locke and Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Street, Jr., left here several weeks ago for an auto trip to the metropolis. They traveled as far as Nashville over the proposed Jackson Highway, and will return via the same route.

Dr. Davis McCullough, of Aurora, Ill., who since his graduation a year ago from the Chicago College of Medicine and Surgery has been an interne at the St. Charles Hospital in Aurora, is spending several days in Columbus with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. D. McCullough.

ATTENDANCE AT COLLEGE IS LARGEST IN ITS HISTORY

MORE THAN NINE HUNDRED STUDENTS HAVE ALREADY MATRICULATED.

The attendance at the Mississippi Industrial Institute and College has broken all records, something over 900 students having already matriculated. The dormitories are crowded to capacity, and many teachers and students have been compelled to seek lodging in the boarding houses which surround the institution.

The large attendance is somewhat surprising, as the college derives its patronage largely from rural districts, where boll weevil ravages have materially reduced the cotton yield. The farmers, however, seem to have scraped together sufficient funds to send their daughters here in large numbers, and the college is apparently facing one of the most prosperous years in its history.

Mr. J. T. Quayle, of the A. & M. College, is visiting friends in the city.

Newest hats, skirts and Waists just in, at Kaufman's.

Mr. W. H. Carter has returned from a business trip to the delta.

Mr. Harris Hardy will leave Monday for Yale.